

Appl. No. 09/944,559  
Amdt. Dated 05/05/2005  
Reply to Office Action of March 15, 2005

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2005. In the Office Action, claims 13, 28, 32, 31-41, 44-54 and 58-62 are in condition for allowance. These claims have not been amended subsequent to their allowance. Claims 1, 15, 22 and 24 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 10-11 and 25-26 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but the Office Action states that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have rewritten claims 10, 11, 25 and 26 into independent form with certain limitations from the base and intervening claim where applicable. As a result, claims 2-4, 7-8 and 14 have been amended to now depend on claim 10 while claims 16-19, 23 and 27 have been amended to depend on claim 26.

Allowance of claims 10, 11, 25 and 26 and those claims dependent thereon is respectfully requested.

In addition, claims 57 and 63-66 were objected to because the recitation "the output signal" was inconsistent with allowable claim 58. Hence, claims 57, 63 and 64 have been amended to alter the recitation "output signal" to "second signal" to be consistent with the terminology of allowed claim 58. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

### *Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102*

Claims 1-9, 12, 14-24 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Varga (EP 913951). While Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection, further discussions of the grounds for traverse are moot based on the placement of claims 10-11 and 25-26 into condition for allowance.

Hence, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the outstanding §102(b) rejection.

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**Conclusion**

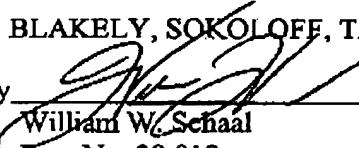
Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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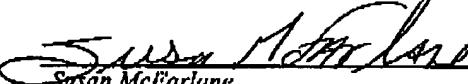
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